

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES DIVISION**

**MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD**

A meeting was held on July 19, 2016, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Iowa Utilities Board Hearing Room, 1375 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Board Members attending were Chair Geri Huser, Board Member Libby Jacobs, and Board Member Nick Wagner.

Chair Huser asked if there was any discussion on the consent items and being none, Board Member Jacobs made a motion to approve the June 21, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes and May 17, 2016, Corrected Minutes, Notification of Administrative Actions, and Notification of Board Orders, which was seconded by Board Member Wagner and unanimously approved.

Board General Counsel David Lynch updated the Board on the ITC Midwest LLC transmission line dockets (E-22116 et al). Chief Operating Officer Cecil Wright discussed an order drafted, denying a request for formal proceeding in Docket No. FCU-2016-0005, Rohan Phillips versus Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative. Board Member Jacobs made a motion to approve the order, Board Member Wagner seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.

Board Member Jacobs made a motion to approve an order related to net-metering in Docket No. NOI-2014-0001 (Distributed Generation), Board Member Wagner seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously. The Board also unanimously approved an order to be issued in Docket No. RMU-2016-0006, Review of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Rules [199 IAC chapter 15], after Board Member Jacobs made a motion that was seconded by Board Member Wagner.

Board Member Wagner moved, Board Member Jacobs seconded, and the Board unanimously approved an order in Docket No. RMU-2016-0007, for Review of Service Supplied by Gas Utilities Rules [199 IAC chapter 19]. Board Member Wagner made a motion to approve an order soliciting comments in Docket No. RMU-2016-0008 regarding the Review of Service Supplied by Electric Utilities Rules [199 IAC chapter 20], which Board Member Jacobs seconded, and the Board unanimously approved. The Board also unanimously approved an order granting Interstate Power and Light Company's request to withdraw its revised electric service tariff filing in Docket No. TF-2016-0026. Board Member Wagner made the motion and Board Member Jacobs seconded the motion.

Board Member Wagner moved, Board Member Jacobs seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved an order in Docket No. WRU-2016-0014-0156, MidAmerican Energy Company, regarding residential natural gas meter billing.

The Board unanimously approved three orders regarding alternative energy production tax credits. Board Member Jacobs moved and Board Member Wagner seconded motions to approve orders in Docket Nos. AEP-2016-0003, Leonardo Wind 4, LLC, and AEP-2016-0004, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative. Board Member Wagner moved and Board Member Jacobs seconded a motion to approve an order in Docket No. AEP-2016-0033, Luther College Wind Energy Project, LLC.

Board General Counsel staff Ben Flickinger discussed an order drafted in Docket No. FCU-2016-0006 a complaint of Erin Riley versus Dakota Access, LLC. Board Member Wagner moved, Board Member Jacobs seconded, and the Board unanimously approved an order dismissing the complaint.

General Counsel Lynch discussed an order drafted in Docket No. FCU-2016-0009, a complaint of Stephen Benner, on behalf of George Benner, versus Dakota Access, LLC. Board Member Wagner moved and Chair Huser seconded the motion to approve the order. The Board voted 2-1 to approve the order with Board Member Wagner dissenting.

Board General Counsel staff Ben Flickinger discussed an order drafted in Docket No. P-0893, regarding the route of an Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant/IPL) natural gas pipeline as it pertains to a particular private land parcel. Board Member Wagner moved and Board Member Jacobs seconded a motion to direct General Counsel to prepare an order granting Alliant/IPL's petition for a pipeline permit. Chair Huser indicated support for an alternative route. The Board unanimously voted to direct General Counsel to prepare an order.

Deputy Executive Secretary Judi Cooper presented the agency monthly financial report and dual party relay budget report and Chief Operating Officer Wright presented updated information on the continuing review of Board rules.

Board Safety and Engineering Section Manager Don Stursma discussed the Dakota Access, LLC First Quarterly Construction Report (Docket No. HLP-2014-0001). Stursma stated he would prefer to see more frequent reports and Chair Huser asked him to provide his recommendation for additional reporting requirements to the Board.

General Counsel Lynch provided a litigation overview of active court cases, noting that the Docket No. HLP-2014-0001 appeal cases were consolidated into one case in Polk County District Court.

Board staff Lynn Zook-Slagg and General Counsel Lynch announced that the Department of Administrative Services will allow the Board to continue to maintain defibrillators in the building for emergency response although they are being removed from other Capitol Complex buildings. Board Public Service Manager Jane Whetstone discussed the 2016 Fall Customer Service Meetings to be held throughout Iowa, starting August 23, 2016, and continuing into September. She also discussed upcoming Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy customer meetings regarding farm tap natural gas service lines (Docket No. SPU-2015-0039).

Dr. Kirk Nelson provided public comments to the Board about substantial cost differences for his alternative energy systems when changing energy utility service providers in Iowa.

Chair Huser announced that the Board's next monthly meeting would be held on August 16, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Recorded by Rob Hillesland.

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Approved at the August 16, 2016, Board meeting.

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/s/ Geri D. Huser

Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano

Executive Secretary, Designee